MCV Cancer Centers Receives Grants From American Cancer Society

RICHMOND- The American Cancer Society has awarded two research grants totalling more than $165,000 to scientists at the Medical College of Virginia, health sciences division of Virginia Commonwealth University, for separate projects in the MCV Cancer Center. The grants are effective January 1 and each will support two years of research activity.

One of the grants will supply principal investigator Dr. Nancy B. McWilliams and her colleagues $63,037 to study the action of a drug which may be useful in improving the treatment of certain types of cancer. The researchers hope to learn how the drug vincristine makes another potent anti-cancer drug, methotrexate, more effective in destroying cancer cells.

A larger grant of $102,761 names tumor virologist Dr. Sue S. Cross as principal investigator in a study aimed at determining whether foreign cells introduced to a fetus or infant can cause cancer in later life. Working with a specific type of tumor-causing virus which affects the body's natural defense mechanisms, the researchers will seek to learn why cancer of the lymph nodes and leukemia occur in highly inbred mice when tissue from the spleens of their offspring are introduced to their bodies. Scientists belive the grated tissue activates a dormant leukemia-causing virus which was either inherent in the parent mice or transferred with tissue from the offspring.

The two new grants bring American Cancer Society support of research at the MCV Cancer Center to $306,882. A project begun in July with $116,084 to study the human immune system will run through June, 1978. In addition $25,000 is supporting the early, independent research of several scientists who have promising theories.

Overall, some $4 million is earmarked for cancer research and treatment programs at the university out of $14.5 millions in contractual and grant funding received this year from public and private sources for scientific investigation. The large volume of research ranks VCU among the top 100 research institutions according to the National Science Foundation.

DON'T FORGET HOME REPAIRS

By Elmore P. Jordan
Extension Agent

With inflationary costs of repair, many households are tempted to postpone needed home repairs. You may find that if uncorrected some house faults do serious hidden damage. Even if you don't spot it, prospective house buyers probably will. Some home buyers now sign purchase agreements contingent on favorable home inspection reports.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Father Darkleaf

by Calvin Robinson

This week's column is being written a bit early, in order to meet a holiday week schedule. But Christmas is more than a one-day event, and there is so much to say. When I was a little biddy boy, my late Mother taught me to write "Calvin" and Mother and Dad and a few short sentences, and I have been writing ever since. One of my first efforts was "A Letter to Santa Claus." That first letter was saved for years. I knew better than to ask for too much and was happy to hang up my stocking Christmas Eve night and then up early pearly in the morning to thrill to a toy, nuts, an orange and candy. And then rush over to a neighbors to see what Santa had brought my playmate, Johnnie.

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The thrills of Christmas!

Before more chatting about Christmas I have a note on my desk to mention that through error the coach I wrote about last week was Roland C. Day, and I nominate him for Virginia's Athletic Hall of Fame. And from the heart, Brightleaf and I thank so many friends for remembrances. While writing, there was a knock at the door and a dear friend brought us some fruit and a dozen tomatoes picked yesterday around Fort Lauderdale and Pompane, Florida.) Also some Florida newspapers. Ah yes, it is a great Christmas.

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Tobacco growers seem well pleased with prices as the pre-Christmas sales end. But waiting in line was a problem and I suppose that is one thing we have to learn to live with. Some of the top prices went to Appomattox growers.

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I may or may not come to the door, but maybe some choir group will drive through Martha Street singing Christmas Carols. And your street, too. We have a vast heritage of Christmas music.

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Many Christmas customs have fascinating origins. They say that the placing of a live tree and greens in the home began in Germany. Kissing under the mistletoe goes back a long ways into history. And so it goes. Some think Christmas is too commercialized but so much that is good is done that I vote FOR Christmas.

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Take time to thank those who have befriended you and serve you. Be thankful that you live in America. The Stars and Stripes is an umbrella protecting us all and our Way of Life. Be thankful that you live in Virginia, the brightest star in the fabric of our national banner. Be thankful for Appomattox. Appreciate the thoughtful service of the state, county and town officials and employees. We are fortunate. A Merry, Merry Christmas to the people at our local stores, service station attendants, food store management and staff and the capable people at local banks. Do not overlook the mail man and the friendly employees at the post office. And those top public guardians of safety and good driving, The State Troopers and thanks to our Rescue Squad and Firemen. And the minister and staff at your church. Merry Christmas. Your Sunday School Teacher. The nursery attendants. Dare not forget in your prayers to be grateful for doctors, and nurses. School teachers, bus drivers, traffic directors who stand out in the cold to direct school buses. Ah yes, and the librarians at school and county libraries. Pharmacists . . . the list is endless. Paper boys, church choirs, youth groups, senior citizens. And, a very special Merry Christmas to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vaughan and Bill, Beck Hudson and all those at our fine home newspaper, **The Times-Virginian**. This has been a banner year for growing Appomattox. Your Boss and fellow workers where you are employed. The year 1976 has been a great year of progress in Historic Appomattox and surely we hope for more of the same in 1977. And most of all, remember the true meaning of Christmas and why it is observed. Christ lives and through Him we live and will live.

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And to YOU, gentle reader, thanks for reading, and seeya next week.

FARMERS BANK DECLARES DIVIDEND

The Directors of The Farmers National Bank of Appomattox have declared a Semi-annual Dividend of $.60 per share plus an extra dividend of $.30 per share payable December 31, 1976, to shareholders of record on December 14, 1976.

FHA Girls Give Christmas Party

The Welfare Committee of the Appomattox Senior Chapter, Future Homemakers of America gave a Christmas party for the Miller Home in Lynchburg on December 16.

The above members of the committee taking part in the party entertainment were, left to right, Elf, Sandy Jamerson; Elf, Teresa Almond; Santa Claus, Teresa Cyrus; Mrs. Santa Claus, Lynn Reynolds; and Elf, Bernita Moore.

The Welfare Committee is a very active commitee within the FHA organization. Each month they try to complete at least one service project for the community.

Co-Chairmen of the commitee are Lynn Reynolds and Teresa Almond.

Banks Announce Holiday Hours

American Federal Savings & Loan Association, Farmers National Bank, and Fidelity American Bank will all be closed December 24, 1976 for Christmas holiday and will be closed on December 31, 1976 for the New Year holiday.

These three banks will observe Friday hours on Thursday, December 23, 1976, opening from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and reopening from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. The same hours will apply on Thursday, December 30th.

Pamplin City Branch, First National Bank of Farmville, will be open December 24, 1976 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. They will be open December 31st from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

All banks in the county will resume regular schedules effective January 3, 1977.

COUNTY LIBRARY TO CLOSE FOUR DAYS FOR HOLIDAYS

The Appomattox County Library will be closed four days for Christmas and New Year HOLIDAYS.

The library will be closed December 23, 24, 27, and 31st.

Town Of Pamplin To Hold Public Hearings

The Town of Pamplin will once again submit an application to HUB (Department of Housing and Urban Development) requesting Federal funds for a Cental Water System.

In order to properly complete this application, two (2) public hearings must be held so that all town residents have an opportunity to present their comments and also become more aware of the proposed project.

May-Hines Associates from Farmville will be present to explain the project and answer any questions you might have. Dates set for the Public Hearings are Wed., Dec. 29, 1976 at 7 p.m. and Tues., Jan. 4, 1977 at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the Pamplin Fire House.

CONCORD RESCUE SQUAD REPORTS 52 CALLS IN NOV.

During the month of November of 1976, the Concord Rescue Squad responded to a total of 52 calls. In answer to these calls members spent 192 manhours and travelled a total of 1578 miles.

Minor complications requiring treatment was responsible for 32 calls along with 6 automobile accidents and 5 transports. There were 3 heart attacks, 2 breathing difficulties, 3 strokes, 2 fire calls, 3 falls, and 1 overdose. The squad responded to 3 stand-by calls, one for the Boy Scout Jamboree.

Post Office Holiday Hours

The Appomattox Post Office and the Pamplin Post Office will be open until 12 noon on December 24, 1976.

If you are expecting a package and have not received it by this time, you may call the post office during the afternoon on the 24th of December and check with them to see if your package has come in with later mail.

May the joy of the season live in your home at Christmas bringing you true contentment.

The Times-Virginian Staff and Correspondents

Continental Telephone Announces Tax Cut

Good news for New Year's -local telephone users will have some extra money, thanks to a drop in the federal excise tax on telephone bills from 6 per cent to 5 per cent January 1. Continental Telephone of Virginia announced today.

Telephone customers in 1977 will save approximately $275 million at the lower rate, compared to what they would have paid had the tax remained at 6 per cent, according to estimates by the U. S. Independent Telephone Association. Some $51 million of that amount will be saved by customers of the Independent telephone companies.

The association represents the nation's 1,600 non-Bell System telephone companies serving almost 28 million phones-one of every five in the nation.

Congress first imposed the tax on telephone bills during World War I as a "temporary" measure. Although repealed briefly after the war, it was reinstituted during the depression and at one time rates were as high as 25 per cent on long distance calls and 15 per cent on local service.

Several years ago Congress acted to eliminate the tax, which stood at 10 per cent for almost 20 years. Now the rate drops 1 per cent each year until it is eliminated in 1982.

The tax has cost consumers billions of dollars and the Independent Telephone Association estimates the U. S. Treasury will receive almost $2 billion from the levy in 1977.

On behalf of its customers, the telephone industry fought the tax, calling it regressive and citing the unfairness of taxing a basic necessity - especially for the poor and elderly.

For further information contact Stuart Vincent, commercial manager for Continental's Western District.

Religious Cards Take Lead In Popularity

"Sorry, we don't have any more Christmas cards, only some religious ones."

These words, supposedly spoken by a saleswoman to a last-minute shopper for greeting cards a good many years ago, wouldn't be meaningful now.

During recent Yule seasons, greetings with a religious message have led the way in popularity. The wryly-humorous idea that anyone looking for cards wants some that show only the convivial side of Christmas was never very funny, and now it definitely isn't true.

Early cards pictured dancers and skaters, holly and mistletoe, robins and other birds, beautiful women and charming children and flowers by the score.

Such themes still appear, but they take second place to religious messages—especially, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Crumbs For Thought

By Zeke

Each year, as the birthday of our Lord arrives, we hear some say to shorten Christmas to Xmas takes Christ out. Those who would use the shorten form say it is replaced by the cross. So goes the unresolved argument.

Paul writes:

"For Chist sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ, should be made of none effect." I Cor. 1:17.

Tax Load Locally, $420 Per Capita

Are residents of Appomattox County paying a high or a low price for the operation of their local government?

Per capita, how much is it costing them, in state and local taxes, compared with the cost in other communities?

In Appomattox County, as in almost every other area of the country, taxes have been rising sharply in recent years, in line with the mounting cost of government.

To provide the services that people want, such as better educational facilities, more police protection and improved health care, and to meet their welfare, transportation and other needs, has put most communities in a bind.

The net result, according to statewide figures compiled by the Commerce Clearing House, an authority on government finances, Americans paid an average of $664 in state and local taxes in fiscal 1975, an increase of $46 over the previous year. As recently as 1970, the average was $427. Thus, in five years, there was a jump of 55 percent.

In Appomattox County, based upon the report and upon data from other sources, such taxes amounted to approximately $420 per capita in the past year.

By way of comparison, the dverage throughout the State of Virginia was $963 per capita, which was $53 more than in the prior year. In the South Atlantic States as a whole, it was $560.

In some states, faced with special local conditions, such as unusually heavy welfare costs, the tax load was much heavier than in others. The range was from a high of $1,025, in New York, which was the only state above $1,000, to a low of $405 in Arkansas.

On an averall basis, state and local taxes in the past year reached a record total of $141.5 billion. This was twice as much as was collected in 1968.

In Appomattox County, the tax burden came to approximately $4,578,000.

In many areas of the country there has been growing resistance recently to higher taxes. It has forced a reduction in spending for capital improvements and, in some cases, a cutback in existing services.

Traffic Signals Being Erected

New signs are being erected at approximately 20 per cent of intersections with traffic signals throughout the state in preparation for the new right turn on red law.

For the past eight months, engineers for the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation have conducted studies of every intersection with traffic signals on state-maintained highways.

As of January 1, motorists will be permitted to make right turns on red lights unless the signs, which read No Turn on Red, have been erected.

The signs, which were standardized by the Federal Highway Administration, are oblong in shape and have black lettering on a white background.

Many factors were taken into consideration in determining which intersections were suitable for the turns. Sight distance, intersection design, signal design and pedestrian traffic were all weighed heavily in evaluating safety.

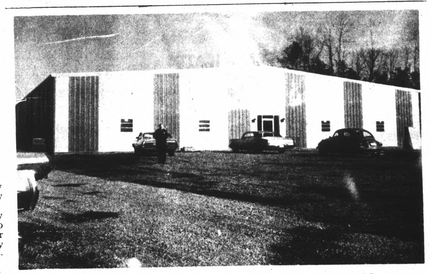
The new law, which is expected to save millions of gallons of gasoline each year and relieve many traffic tie-ups, requires that the motorist stop completely before making a right turn. Pedestrians and vehicles traveling with the green light still have the right of way.

Trash Collection Set For December 23rd

The Town Office will be closed at noon on Thursday, December 23 for the Christmas holidays.

Garbage collection in the Town of Appomattox will take place prior to noon on that day so have your containers out and ready if you wish to have it hauled away.

Collection pick-up will begin at 8 a.m. on December 23rd.



New Industry Now Open In Appomattox

Caryn Lynn Manufacturing, a new garment cutting and finishing plant, is now open and in operation in Appomattox. The new 25,000 square foot building, constructed by Clover Hill Manufacturing Company, is located just off Route 460 West, behind Sangil Industries.

Workers at the plant cut materials for garments, it is sent out to a sewing plant, and sent back to Caryn Lynn for finishing and shipping to customers.

Arnold Brown, President and owner of Caryn Lynn Manufacturing, designs garments in his home office in New York, shows them to buyers and then contracts the garments out to the sewing plants. Twenty-seven full time and ten part-time workers are now employed at Caryn Lynn with employment expected to go up to forty or fifty workers in the near future.

Cecil B. Tillery, Jr. of Appomattox is Vice President of the company. Mrs. Lucille Ferrell is Office Manager and is in charge of all shipments. Dianne Miller is company bookkeeper and Jane Harrison is in charge of allocation of goods to various contractors. Tommy Bass is in charge of Shipping Department and Smitty Elder is in charge of production and quality.

Caryn Lynn Manufacturing was located in Lynchburg for a time and Vice-President of the local company, "Buck" in Appomattox because we have an abundance of workers experienced in the garment industry.

Larry Watson, standing in front of building, is maintance man at Caryn Lynn.